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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claim 1 is currently being amended.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-29 are now pending in this application.

Claim Rejections

In Section 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 6 and 18-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim (U.S. Patent No. 6,262,785) in view of Sakai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,510,809). The Examiner indicates that Kim does not teach a sensor coupled to the processor such that the sensor is configured to provide a signal representative of the size of the display. Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of Kim and Sakai does not disclose, teach or suggest much more than that. Kim teaches a portable display device in which two halves of the display are folded over one another such that the display surfaces, when folded, face each other and therefore are concealed from view. In the folded position, the display is not usable. One can use the display only when the two halves are folded apart. Further, when this display is used, a user must unfold the display and then slide the two halves together to form a single display. Applicants respectfully submit that neither Kim nor Sakai, alone or in any proper combination, discloses, teaches, or suggests an expandable display that is expandable from a first size to a second size, and a sensor coupled to the processor in which the sensor provides a signal that is representative of the size of the display and further that the display is viewable by a user in both the first size and second size configurations (Claim 1) or the

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first display surface is visible in a first configuration and the second display surface being larger than the first display surface is visible in the second configuration (Claim 18). Kim discloses a display which has only one viewable size configuration that includes both of panels 109 and 107. For example, albeit both panels can be slid together, the display area used is always the same. Also, a user of the display disclosed in Kim is only able to view any portion of the display when it is in an unfolded state. When the display is in a folded state, the display surfaces cannot be viewed by a user. The disclosure of Kim also teaches away from different display sizes in that Kim teaches that "it is necessary that the first and second LCD sections 107 and 109 are made to be adjacent." (Col. 3, lines 43-45). Accordingly, it would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use the teachings of Kim to arrive at Applicants' invention which includes an expandable display that may be viewed in a first small state and then viewed in a second small state in combination with a sensor that provides a signal regarding the size of the display to be used such that the portable electronic device may format information for the display to fit the display depending on the display size. Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 18 are not obvious over Kim in view of Sakai et al. Thus, independent claims 1 and 18 and their respective dependent claims are therefore allowable.

In Section 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 7-8 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim in view of Sakai and further in view of Macuka (U.S. Patent No. 4,171,585). Applicants respectfully submit that in view of the amendment and comments above with regard to claims 1 and 18, claims 7-8 and 20 would be allowable as being dependent on allowable claims 1 and 18 respectively.

In Section 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 2-5, 14-17, and 26-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim in view of Sakai and Kung et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,570,583). With regard to claims 14 and 26, neither Kim nor Sakai as discussed above, disclose, teach, or suggest in any proper combination providing a first amount of user information on a display in a first size configuration and resizing the display to a second size configuration and then reformatting the display image according to the second size configuration.

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Kim discloses only one size configuration for the display albeit the display may be in two portions, for example, display panels 107 and 109. However, the display surfaces provided are a single display size. There are not two different configurations for display sizes disclosed in Kim. The display disclosed in Kim folds up, but is not usable once folded. Thus, the combination of Kim, Sakai et al. and Kung et al. do not disclose, teach, or suggest all of the claim limitations provided in claims 14 and 26. Accordingly, independent claims 14 and 26 and their respective dependent claims are therefore allowable. Further, claims 2-5 as dependent on allowable claim 1 are also allowable.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit

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Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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